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July 23, 2020

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia SC 29210

Re: Certification of the Use of Universal Service Fund High-Cost Support Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and Telecommunications Act § 254(e) Federal Communications Commission WC Docket No. 14-58 SC Public Service Commission Docket No. 2020-14-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC"), on behalf of its member companies, hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") verifying that the individual SCTC member companies shown on the attached list are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act. Attached are company specific affidavits attesting to the fact that Federal Universal Service Funds have been and will be used as intended in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The FCC's rules require that, in order for eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") to receive the federal high-cost support for which they are eligible, state commissions must file an annual certification with USAC and the FCC stating "that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. These certifications must be submitted by the state commission prior to October 1 of each year in order for the companies to receive the full federal funding for which they are eligible. Id.

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The SCTC respectfully requests that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC certifying that SCTC's individual member companies are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act.

The FCC requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. The timing is critical, because if certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2020, federal support for universal service in the areas served by the rural carriers within South Carolina will be reduced as set forth in the federal regulation. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d). In order to ensure that the FCC and USAC receive the Commission's certification for SCTC companies in a timely manner, we respectfully request that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavits as self-certification that the companies are in compliance with section 254(e), and that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2020, notifying them that the SCTC member companies are eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R § 54.314.

We are submitting this request pursuant to the above-cited federal law and in compliance with Commission Regulation 103-690.1(C). Please note that the Commission's certification letter to the FCC and USAC must reference WC Docket No. 14-58.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this matter or if we can provide anything further.

Sincerely,

Burr & Forman LLP

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Margaret M. Fox

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Enclosures

cc: Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire

Kari Munn

Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire

Doug Pratt

Company Representatives (See Distribution List)

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# ATTACHMENT A

NAME OF COMPANY	STUDY AREA NUMBER
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.	240512
Chesnee Telephone Company	240515
Comporium, Inc. (f/k/a/ Rock Hill Telephone Company)	240542
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240520
FTC Communications, LLC	249002
Fort Mill Telephone Company	240521
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.	240523
Home Telephone ILEC, LLC	240527
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240528, 249035
Lancaster Telephone Company	240531
Lockhart Telephone Company	240532
McClellanville Telephone Company	240533
Norway Telephone Company	240535
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240536
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240538
PBT Telecom, Inc.	240539
Ridgeway Telephone Company	240541
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240546
St. Stephen Telephone Company	240544
TruVista Communications, Inc. (f/k/a Chester Telephone Company	y) 240516
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240550
Williston Telephone Company	240551

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#### **DISTRIBUTION LIST**

A.E. (Trey) Judy, III Andrew Rein Jean Thaxton Kim Shepherd Laura Shepherd J. Brian Singleton Eric Ramey F. Bradley Erwin Mayme Carsten Bryant G. Barnes Matthew L. Dosch William S. Helmly H. Keith Oliver Mike Hagg Carlton Lewis Jamie Ponder Thomas M. McCabe Bruce Schiefelbein Jason J. Dandridge Dewaine Wilson Valerie Ancrum Randy Lis Kara E. Horner L. B. Spearman C. Lee Chambers Allen Mills Jeff T. Wilson Lance Tade

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**COUNTY OF BEAUFORT** 

COMPANY: Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240512

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Andrew Rein. I am employed by Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. ("Bluffton") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Bluffton hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Bluffton was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Andrew Rein Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this  $1^{57}$  day of 3024 2020

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

MELDOY J. TOLFORD

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: <u>02/27/28</u>



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

**COUNTY OF ASHE** 

COMPANY: Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240515

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Cindy Rothstein</u>. I am employed by <u>Chesnee Telephone</u> <u>Company, Inc</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Cindy Rothstein Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 2 day of July 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Pamela Tribble Weaver

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 7-24-21



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

COMPANY: Comporium, Inc

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240542

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Greg Lunsford</u>. I am employed by <u>Comporium, Inc</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Vice President of Regulatory Affairs</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Comporium, Inc</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Comporium, Inc</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Greg Lunsford

VP Regulatory A

VP- Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this \_\_\_

\_\_\_day of \_\_\_////

2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Knotne R Ramsey

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 4/25/2027



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: FTC Communications, LLC

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 249002

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Mayme T Carsten</u>. I am employed by <u>FTC Communications</u>, <u>LLC</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>FTC Communications, LLC</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>FTC Communications, LLC</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Mayme T. Carsten
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Hanna McCutchen

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 10-31-2028

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240520

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Mayme T Carsten</u>. I am employed by <u>Farmers Telephone</u> <u>Cooperative, Inc.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Mayme J. Carsten

Chief Financial Officer

Hanna McCutchen
Hanna McCutchen

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 10 - 31 - 2028

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

COMPANY: Fort Mill Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240521

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Greg Lunsford</u>. I am employed by <u>Fort Mill Telephone Company</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Vice President of Regulatory Affairs</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Fort Mill Telephone Company</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Fort Mill Telephone Company</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Greg Lunsford VP- Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Knshne R Ramsey

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 4/25/2027



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**COUNTY OF BEAUFORT** 

COMPANY: Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240523

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Andrew Rein. I am employed by Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. ("Hargray") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Hargray hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Hargray was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Andrew Rein Chief Financial Officer

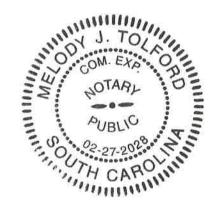
Subscribed to and sworn before me this 15 day of 300 day of 300

NOTARY PUBLICATOR SOUTH CAROLINA

MEZODY J. TOLFORD

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 02/27/28



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BERKELEY

COMPANY: HOME TELEPHONE ILEC, LLC

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240527

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>WILLIAM S. HELMLY</u>. I am employed by <u>HOME TELEPHONE</u> <u>ILEC, LLC</u> (the "Company") as its <u>PRESIDENT & CEO</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>HOME TELEPHONE ILEC, LLC</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>HOME TELEPHONE ILEC, LLC</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

William S. Helmly President & CEO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 29th day of June 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: Opril 12, 2024

Jamie Peagler
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires
April 12, 2026

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HORRY

COMPANY: HORRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240528, 249035

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Carlton Lewis</u>. I am employed by <u>Horry Telephone Cooperative</u>, <u>Inc.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Horry Telephone</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>Horry Telephone</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

<u>Carlton Lewis</u>

CFO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this <u>30</u> day of <u>years</u> 2020

TOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Nancy M. Shelley

My Commission Expires: August 31, 2026

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF *YORK* 

COMPANY: Lancaster Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240531

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is *Greg Lunsford*. I am employed by *Lancaster Telephone* Company (the "Company") as its Vice President of Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Lancaster Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Lancaster Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Greg Lansford VP- Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this day of

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**COUNTY OF Chester** 

COMPANY: Lockhart Telephone Company, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240532

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Eric Ramey. I am employed by Lockhart Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its Secretary. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>COMPANY</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>COMPANY</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

NAME Eric Ramey TITLE Secretary

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 20th day of July 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires:

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240533

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Joel Dohmeier. I am Vice President of McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"). I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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Joel Dohmeier
Vice President
McClellanville Telephone Company

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 22 day of 4me, 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

KRISTIN Statz

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 2, 2023

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240535

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Joel Dohmeier. I am Vice President of Norway Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"). I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Joel Polymeier

Joel Dohmeier Vice President Norway Telephone Company, Inc.

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 22 day of 2020

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 2, 2023

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLLETON

COMPANY: PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240536

PERSONALLY, APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Jason Dandridge. I am employed by Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative (the "Company") as its Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Jason J. Dandridge Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Valerie Ancrym

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 7 - 15 - 2029

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

COMPANY: Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240538

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Randall Lis</u>. I am employed by <u>Piedmont Rural Telephone</u> <u>Cooperative, Inc.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>General Manager</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>COMPANY</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>COMPANY</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Randall Lis General Manager

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 15+ day of July 2020

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Carla Shaw Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 3/8/2029

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LEXINGTON

COMPANY: PBT TELECOM, INC. STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240539

PERSONALLY, APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is L.B. Spearman. I am employed by PBT Telecom, Inc. (the "Company") as its Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. PBT Telecom Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to PBT Telecom, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

L.B. Spearman Vice President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this \( \ldots \) day of \( \ldots \) day of \( \ldots \) 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 4\ aL\ aL\ ac\ ac\

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Chester

COMPANY: Ridgeway Telephone Company, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240541

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Eric Ramey. I am employed by Ridgeway Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its Secretary. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>COMPANY</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>COMPANY</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

<u>NAME</u> Eric Ramey

<u>TITLE</u> Secretary

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 20th day of July 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD

COMPANY: SANDHILL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240546

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is C. Lee Chambers. I am employed by Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Manager/Chief Executive Officer I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

C. Lee Chambers

Manager/Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 1st day of July 2020

Oundray Pollings NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Lindsay Rollings
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 28, 2030

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: St. Stephen Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240544

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Joel Dohmeier. I am Vice President of St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"). I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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Joel Dohmeier Vice President St. Stephen Telephone Company

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 22 day of que, 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 2, 2023



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Chester

COMPANY: TruVista Communications, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240516

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Eric Ramey. I am employed by TruVista Communications, Inc. (the "Company") as its Secretary. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>COMPANY</u> hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to <u>COMPANY</u> was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

NAME Eric Ramey TITLE Secretary

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 20th day of July 2020.

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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOU

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

COMPANY: **WEST CAROLINA RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.** STUDY AREA NUMBER: **240550** 

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is LANCE A. TADE. I am employed by West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Lance A. Tade Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 6 day of 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

LORRIE C. LEVEREHE

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 06-16-27

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

COMPANY: Williston Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240551

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY

SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Joel Dohmeier. I am Vice President of Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company"). I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Jour Dolumeier

Joel Dohmeier Vice President

Williston Telephone Company

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 22 day of June, 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

KMSTIN State

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 2, 2023

